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Location of Government Stationery Stores, Madras.

* 81 *Q.*—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government Stationery Stores is now located at Guindy in the Narsu Gardens;

(*b*) who the authorities in charge of the Stores are;

(*c*) where the offices of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of the Government Stationery Stores are located actually;

(*d*) whether the administration of the stores has not suffered by its being located in one place, when its Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent have their office elsewhere;

(*e*) whether the Government Stationery Stores will be moved back to the City and, if so, when; and

(*f*) what the expenditure to the Government is on account of the removal of the Government Stationery Stores to Guindy?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Superintendent of Stationery and the Assistant Superintendent of Stationery.

" (*c*) The Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent have their offices in the Old High Court Buildings, First Line Beach, Madras.

" (*d*) Delays naturally occur, which are unavoidable. Excepting this there has not been much administrative inconvenience.

" (*e*) The godowns of the Stationery Stores are now used by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies for storing food-grains. As soon as the godowns are vacated by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies the Stationery Stores will be brought back.

" (*f*) The initial expenditure on account of the removal of the Stores to Guindy was Rs. 18,895. The recurring expenditure is as follows :—

	Per mensem.
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Rent of the buildings occupied by the Stationery Offices and Stores	810
Season tickets to Store employees .. .. (about)	150
Conveyance allowance to Assistant Superintendent	50
Rent for godown at First Line Beach	150
Expenditure on account of carting of stores .. (about)	2,500 "

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" In view of the abnormal expenditure, is it not possible to get some other accommodation instead of waiting till the Government Stationery Stores is vacated?"

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—
"Unfortunately, Sir, we are not able to find some other accommodation here. There is a great deal of inconvenience in bringing it back now to its original accommodation or to any other accommodation in the city."

Elementary schools in South Kanara.

* 82 *Q*.—SRI D. MANJAYA HEGDE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many elementary schools are maintained for educating the boys in the interior villages of Puttur, Karkal, Coondapoor and Kasaragod taluks in South Kanara district and where;

(*b*) how many of these schools are working and what is the strength of each school;

(*c*) how many of these schools belong to the panchayat and how many to the district board;

(*d*) how much grant is paid to these panchayat schools;

(*e*) how many villages in the Puttur, Karkal and Coondapoor taluks are without primary schools especially in the interior parts of these taluks;

(*f*) what is the number of school-going children in these villages; and

(*g*) what arrangement is being made to educate the children of these villages by the Government or by the district board?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(*a*) to (*d*) The Hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 20.[a]
"(*e*) to (*g*) The information has been called for and will be placed on the table of the House when received."

Allotment for Harijan uplift.

* 83 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Information be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have framed proposals to utilize the sum of one crore of rupees provided in the Budget for 1946–47 for Harijan uplift;

(*b*) whether the Government have indicated their tentative proposals and invited the opinions of Collectors;

(*c*) if so, whether the Collectors have been asked to obtain the views of the District Advisory Committees and communicate the same to Government;

(*d*) what the reaction of the District Advisory Committees is to the Government's proposals; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to publish their proposals, invite criticism and finalise their scheme?

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a Answered on 8th August 1946.